

## REMARKS

All the claims as previously considered have been cancelled in favor of the newly submitted claims provided hereinabove.

A Request for Continued Examination is being simultaneously filed along with a Terminal Disclaimer in view of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,450,635; 6,554,420; and 6,294,313.

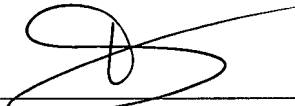
By way of filing said Disclaimer, it is submitted that the rejections raised in the last Office Action in paragraph 2-4 have been overcome.

Applicant believes that the amended claims provided herewith set forth patentable subject matter which is neither anticipated or obvious in view of the state of the art.

Favorable reconsideration and an early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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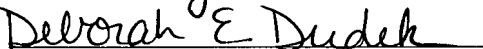
  
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